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In Re Application Of: **Hironobu Takizawa et al.**

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Title:

DEVICE AND METHOD FOR RETRIEVING MEDICAL CAPSULE

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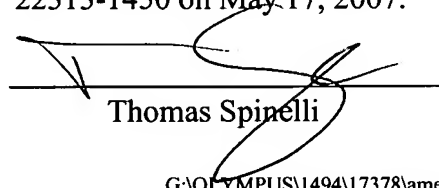
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following reference, which is also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

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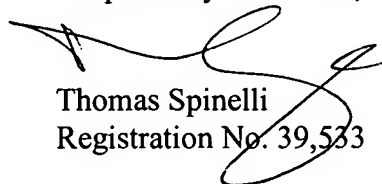

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The undersigned attorney hereby states that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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